MR. C. KUMARA DAS : It will be considered.

PRESIDENT : The Director might possibly indicate to the honourable member what happened to the weavers of Kottar.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : We have made some investigation about the conditions of the weavers round about Balaramapuram, but not round about Kottar ..

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): May I know whether there are not more weavers round about Kottar ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether a large number of them is now out of employment?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : A good number of them is out of employment.

Village roads in the Vaikom Town.

244. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the village roads in the Vaikom town, the distance of each road and the amount spent per mile for repairing each of them during 1113 and 1114 ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*) : A *statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Price of rice got down by Government.

245. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average cost price of the rice got down by them ;

(*b*) the landing charge per 100 bags paid by the Government to the steamer agents ;

(*c*) whether there were persons who were prepared to do the same work at a lower rate ;

(*d*) whether the Alleppey Labour Union offered a lower quotation for landing the rice ; and

(*e*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table the quotation offered by the Union ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government and Controller of Food Supplies*) : (*a*) The actual cost could be ascertained only after the entire stock is sold out.

(*b*) Alleppey B. Rs. 15-0-0
Quilon B. Rs. 14-8-0
Trivandrum B. Rs. 17-3-0

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*d*) this does not arise.

Muthukuzhi Vayal.

246 *MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any record to show that the flow of water from Muthukuzhi Vayal is perennial or otherwise ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, whether they propose to take gaugings at Muthukuzhi Vayal ?

*Vide Appendix IV. page 824.

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Appendix IV.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 244.**

Statement *re* village roads in the Vaikom Town.

Name of road.	Distance in chains.	Average amount spent per mile in 1113 Rs.	Average amount spent per mile in 1114 Rs.
1. K. V. Canal bank road ...	60 chains	178	99
2. Road from Kizhakkenada to Valianapuzha ...	40 ...	32	9
3. Indanthuruthy pady to Kovilgathumkadavoo ...	26½ ...	14	14
4. Road to Inland Public latrines ...	13 ...	12	12
5. Murinkulam to Ettumanoor Vaikom road ...	29 ...	...	8
6. Road north and east of English High School, Vaikom ...	40 ...	50	50
7. Ayerkulam to Arattukulam ...	20 ...	13	8

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